

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Surprisingly, it has now been found that, by controlling the pH and the order in which the ingredients of the skin sanitizing composition are combined, sodium hydroxide as well as other neutralizing agents identified below are effective neutralizing agents for compositions containing high amounts of alcohol. Advantageously, the neutralizing agents including sodium hydroxide have all been either designed by the FDA Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) for direct food addition or been designed by the FDA as an amino acid permitted to direct addition to food for human consumption. Therefore, neutralizers of the present invention may contain essentially any neutralizing agent which has been so designated by the FDA. Such neutralizing agents include ~~various hydroxides selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, lactic acid, D-sorbitol, ascorbic acid, L-glutamic acid, calcium acetate, acetic acid, benzoic acid, sodium citrate, sodium lactate, citric acid, propionic acid, cholic acid, glucono-delta lactone, L-malic acid, butyric acid, succinic acid, sorbic acid, ethyl vanillin, adipic acid, carbon dioxide, sodium diacetate, monosodium glutamate, sodium acid citrate, sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate, sodium potassium tartrate, calcium carbonate, glycocholic acid, tartaric acid, sodium benzoate, sodium sesquicarbonate, potassium carbonate, malic acid, calcium citrate, calcium lactate, potassium acid tartrate, sodium tartrate, potassium lactate, ammonium bicarbonate, calcium hydroxide, calcium oxide, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, aluminum calcium silicate, ammonium hydroxide, tannic acid, sodium carbonate, potassium citrate, potassium chloride, sodium phosphate, dibasic~~

sodium phosphate, monobasic, sodium phosphate, tribasic, hydrochloric acid, phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid, ammonium phosphate, monobasic, sodium pyrophosphate, sodium sulfate, sodium sulfite, magnesium phosphate, tribasic, calcium phosphate, dibasic, potassium phosphate, dibasic, calcium phosphate, monobasic, sodium tripolyphosphate, calcium phosphate, tribasic, calcium sulfate, potassium phosphate, tribasic, potassium phosphate, monobasic, chlorine, magnesium phosphate, dibasic, ammonium phosphate, dibasic, aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum ammonium sulfate, aluminum sodium sulfate, ammonium carbonate, carnauba wax (*copernicia cerifera (arruda) mart.*), sodium caseinate, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, aluminum sulfate, potassium sorbate, magnesium carbonate, sodium metaphosphate, sodium acetate, and precursors thereof as well as amino acids selected from the group consisting of arginine, cysteine, and thiamine.